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NEWS FROM THE GOOD SHEPHERD TRUST

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to be able to share with you some examples of excellent work from across our schools over this last term. It has been a very good autumn for The Good Shepherd Trust with a lot of positive news from Ofsted, who have praised many of our schools for their work with your children.

2018 promises to be an exciting year as we continue to grow steadily. We look ahead to working with colleagues to develop local hubs across the diocese which will safeguard individual school character whilst maximising support and efficiencies through joint work. These geographical hubs will harness local skills and enable pupils to benefit from the wealth of experience we have both within each school and the wider trust family.

Here is a round-up of news from some of our schools:

Welcome to our first affiliated church school!



On September 1st the Good Shepherd Trust welcomed its eleventh school, its second in Hampshire and its first affiliated church school with the addition of **Farnborough Grange** Nursery/Infant Community School. The school was given an official welcome by GST trustee the Bishop of Dorking the Rt Revd Jo Wells in October when she praised its 'beautiful community'.

St John's in country's top 5% for progress



Congratulations to **St John's** CofE Primary School, Dorking, after the Government announced that it is in the top 5% nationally in progress across maths, English and reading.

Children at the school, judged 'Inadequate' by Ofsted in 2013 but transformed to a 'Good' school by last year, also achieved SATs results this summer which were all at National Standard or above in all subjects.

Farnham church schools plan for bright future



Potters Gate CofE Primary School, Farnham, joined GST on December 1st having already committed to a close relationship with the town's **St Andrew's** infants. The two schools are working closely together on an exciting vision for providing ambitious, holistic value-based Church school education in the heart of Farnham. Potters Gate, a thriving, inclusive school achieved stunning SATs results this summer and is currently over-subscribed but is now offering places to 30 St Andrew's pupils moving up to Yr3 in September 2019. Bishop Jo will visit the school on January 10th to meet staff and pupils and officially welcome them to the trust.

Congratulations Queen Eleanor's!



Well done to everyone at **Queen Eleanor's** CofE Junior School on its latest Ofsted report published which found that the school continues to be 'good'. The school was praised for its clear focus on ensuring the best possible outcomes for pupils through a period of change and expansion and for improvements in key aspects of teaching and learning that meant pupils of all abilities were appropriately challenged. Pupils were also described as well-behaved and tolerant with a marked understanding of different faiths and beliefs. Congratulations!

New classrooms open in two GST schools



New classrooms complete with the latest facilities have been opened at both **Ashley School** and **Waverley Abbey** this academic year. Ashley School, Walton-on-Thames, currently has three forms of entry in its infant years and the new building works mean that over the next four years, the 17 class school will grow by one class per year until reaching 21 classes from Reception to Year 6 in September 2021. At Waverley Abbey a state of the art new Year 6 block, which replaced dilapidated temporary classrooms originally built in 1948, was officially opened by Surrey Deputy Lieutenant Diana Prain, a former long-standing governor at the school.

To keep in touch with the latest news from the Trust and its member schools do visit the GST webpages on the diocesan website which are regularly updated www.cofeguildford.org.uk/education/the-good-shepherd-trust .

I would like to thank all our staff, governors and volunteers for the tremendous work they have done and you, as parents and carers, for your ongoing support for our schools. May I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

With best wishes,



David Brown, Interim Chief Executive

Schools in The Good Shepherd Trust:

Ashley, Walton on Thames	Christ's College, Guildford	Farnborough Grange
Queen Eleanor's, Guildford	St John's, Dorking	Potters Gate, Farnham
St Mary's, Chiddingfold	St Paul's, Addlestone	
The Holme, Headley	The Weald, Beare Green	
Waverley Abbey, Tilford	St Andrew's, Farnham	